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Viewing cable 08MOSCOW2414, TFGG01: RUSSIA DEFIANT

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08MOSCOW2414	2008-08-14 15:35	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Moscow

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http://rusrep.ru/article/2010/11/29/wikileaks_docs_02/

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- [1](#)1. (C) Summary. Russian officials August 13 and 14 continued a defiant line, with Medvedev insisting that Russia would support an international
Medvedev Questions Status -----
- [1](#)2. (U) President Medvedev reiterated that Russia would support "any settlement that recognized the international rights of Abkhazia and South
MFA on Georgian NATO Membership -----
- [1](#)6. (U) DFM Karasin challenged NATO on the issue of Georgia's membership in the Alliance. Karasin said the decision was a question that affects
Other GOR Officials Defiant -----
- [1](#)7. (U) The head of the Federation Council, Sergei Mironov, used more forceful language in a statement on his website, where he blamed the U.S.
Experts United -----
- [1](#)8. (C) Even the most pro-Western political experts here are expressing concern for the future of U.S.-Russian relations and pointing the finger
- [1](#)9. (C) Masha Lipman of the Carnegie Moscow Center and Public Chamber member and Russian/Georgian political observer Nikolai Svanidze highlight
- [1](#)10. (SBU) Independent "Nezavisimaya Gazeta" editor Konstantin Remchukov -- a political moderate, who does not hesitate to criticize Kremlin policy
Kosovo Set the Precedent" -----
- [1](#)11. (C) Sergey Oznobischev, Director of the Institute for Strategic Assessments, Dmitriy Trenin of the Carnegie Moscow Center, Ivan Safranchuk
- [1](#)12. (C) Lipman said the GOR's use of the term "genocide" clearly made the link to Kosovo. "There's genocide, we invade, we occupy, we rule, and
Russia Won't Be Ignored Anymore" -----
- [1](#)13. (C) Many of the analysts said the GOR had made clear it was not responding to pressure from the West in making its decisions. Lipman points
Georgia Will Never Reunify Now" -----
- [1](#)14. (C) Most analysts believe there is now no chance that South Ossetia and Abkhazia will ever rejoin Georgia. "Reunification of Georgia is a
Consequences for Relations with U.S. and the World -----
- [1](#)15. (C) Lavrov told Ekho Moskvy August 13 that he did not see a reason to "interrupt our dialogue with the United States," commenting that the
- [1](#)16. (C) Both also spoke of their deep concerns over the clear isolation of Russia as a result of its military campaign. In particular, they noted
- [1](#)19. (C) Trenin contended that Lavrov's statement reflected Medvedev and Putin's views. They believed the number of casualties was half the number
Comment -----
21. (C) The consistently strong support for Russian military actions, and the defiance of Western criticism across the political